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Friends,

This week, America's average unleaded gas price hit a [new record high of \\$4.17 per gallon](#). Rising gas prices have socked Americans' wallets since President Biden began assaulting our nation's energy independence on his first day in office.

As expected, Biden refuses to take responsibility for his own disastrous actions. Like every other crisis we've faced under his watch, Biden finds someone else to blame for problems that he's caused.

TWEET: [Gas prices have been on the rise under Biden's watch](#)

The White House would have you believe that soaring gas prices are all a direct result from Putin's horrific invasion of Ukraine. But Americans won't be fooled by this tactic. As many of you have expressed to me over the past year, you have been paying more at the pump throughout Biden's entire tenure than you ever paid when President Trump was in office.

Biden's tiresome blame game strategy speaks to a larger problem going on with Democrats in control of our federal government. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, for example, is due to President Biden's weakness on the world stage and his disastrous, anti-American energy policies.

Skyrocketing inflation is another example of these failures. We're experiencing price increases for everything from gas to groceries because Biden refuses to seriously address his party's out-of-control spending. In short, the problems we face today have to do with Biden and Democrats' incompetence and unwillingness to change course.

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Speaker Pelosi's so-called Russia sanctions bill this week is a perfect example. Russia's invasion of Ukraine presented the perfect opportunity to end our reliance on Russian oil imports and finally put a stop to Biden's catastrophic, anti-American energy policies. We could undo the very policies that caused this catastrophe while simultaneously helping Americans who are struggling with high gas prices.

Democrats scrapped a bipartisan bill that would have punished Putin while unleashing our domestic energy. Instead, they replaced it with legislation that accomplishes neither goal. Democrats were faced with a moment to stand against tyranny and unleash American energy. What did they do? They gave us a half measure filled with loopholes that won't ban Russian oil imports until it is far too late for Ukraine and leaves our own energy in the dark.

[I strongly opposed Democrats' weak sanctions bill](#) because it not only fails to properly address the current crisis, but it would keep us dependent on dictators for our energy, all while our gas prices shoot through the roof.

"This bill fails the American people in spectacular fashion as it delays action against Russia while Ukraine suffers, keeps crushing Americans at the pump, and shuns the idea of American energy independence. I will never support a bill that puts America last and keeps us reliant on dictators," I said in a statement.

Biden can blame whoever he wants for problems of his own making. But the reoccurring theme seems to be that when given the chance to make things right, his administration and Congressional Democrats always botch the opportunity.

If Democrats want to drop their Green New Deal fanaticism, help the suffering Ukrainian people, and unleash American domestic energy supply, that option is on the table. But once again, they fail to seriously confront reality, and that has serious consequences for Americans and people throughout the world.

MORE: [Biden didn't take inflation seriously last year and it's costing us](#)

Do you believe Biden is responsible for America's soaring gas prices?

Yes

No

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Democrats' Reckless Omnibus Spending Package

Another major bill Congress voted on this week was Speaker Pelosi's reckless \$1.5 Trillion omnibus spending package. Americans simply cannot afford to have Democrats ram through a bill that increases discretionary spending by 16 percent during this inflation crisis.

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Even more appalling, Pelosi dropped the 2,700-page bill on Members of Congress' desks with less than a day to read through it all.

"I guarantee you that not a single Member of Congress has read the entirety of Speaker Pelosi's last-minute \$1.5 Trillion omnibus bill. Not a single member should be voting for a bill that increases discretionary spending by 16 percent during the worst inflation crisis in recent memory. It's that simple," I said.

"But if that's not enough, the Democrats' approximately 2,700 page bill cements the America Last agenda."

It's true, the bill is not in the best interest of the American people. For starters, it fully funds Biden's vaccine mandates, unleashes more Green New Deal energy policies, and allows wealthy foreign nationals and Russian oligarchs to buy U.S. citizenship. There's much more, but it's little wonder why Democrats wanted to rush this through so quickly. I will never stand for bills like this, and I voted strongly against this one as well.

READ: [Bishop votes against Democrats reckless \\$1.5 Trillion bill](#)

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